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AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION **UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment is enclosed with the Request for Continued Examination dated July 3, 2008, and is filed in response to the Advisory Action of May 28, 2008 and the Office action dated March 5, 2008. Applicants respectfully request that the Amendment after Final Action dated May 5, 2008 not be entered. Instead, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.